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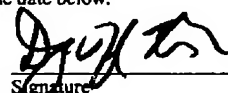
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and constitutes a response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 12, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time is included herewith, to extend the time for responding for three (3) months, up to and including February 12, 2006. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/STRR/0004.C1/DHE, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.